

AWBA NEWSLETTER

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Draft Plan of Operation Available

AWBA staff presented the draft of the 2001 Plan of Operation to the Authority at the September 20, 2000 meeting. The final 2001 Plan of Operation will be approved at the December 20, 2000 meeting.

Prior to approval of the final plan, staff are required to solicit public comment on the draft. By statute, one forum for public comment is the Groundwater Users Advisory Councils for the Tucson, Phoenix and Pinal Active Management Areas. The draft plan was presented at the Pinal GUAC meeting on September 21 and the Phoenix GUAC meeting on November 1. The AWBA is scheduled to present the draft plan at the Tucson GUAC meeting on November 7.

The public is also invited to provide written comment regarding the draft plan which is available on the AWBA web site. To insure inclusion in the final plan, all written comments should be received by AWBA staff on or before December 11, 2000.

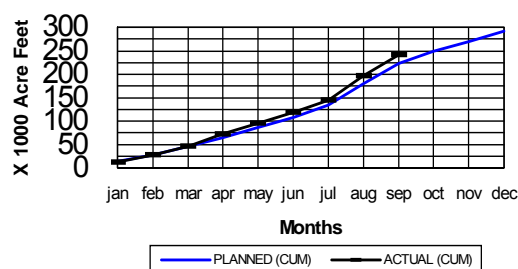
AWBA Update

► Total CAP customer deliveries for January through September 2000 have totalled more than 1.385 MAF. This officially exceeds the previous delivery record of 1.209 MAF for January through September 1997. AWBA deliveries to partners are also greater than projected. The 2000 Annual Plan of Operation projected deliveries of 224,065 AF through September. Actual deliveries have exceeded that by almost 18,000 AF. It is anticipated that end of year deliveries will continue to exhibit the same trend. Specifically, GRUSP, Lower Santa Cruz and MSIDD have requested water in excess of projected amounts in recent months.

► The AWBA made it's first deliveries to a GSF in the Tucson AMA. Herb Kai received 1576 AF in August and 520 AF in September under his agreement with the AWBA. This water was for his Red Rock operation located in Picacho.

AWBA Water Deliveries

2000 DELIVERIES (by Month)
Planned vs. Actual



August and September Water Deliveries

	Aug	Sept
Phoenix AMA	33,903 AF	23,328 AF
Pinal AMA	13,452 AF	16,152 AF
Tucson AMA	<u>4,837 AF</u> 52,192 AF	<u>5,596 AF</u> 45,436 AF

Total Deliveries (through Sept) 241,716 AF

AWBA Subcommittee News

The Recovery Core Group of the Recovery Subcommittee met on August 31. Entities with the capability to participate in or facilitate recovery within their systems are in the process of completing an analysis of their operations. It is anticipated that the next Core Group meeting will be held in November or December following completion of these analyses.

The Interstate Subcommittee met on August 21 and October 24. A draft of the Agreement for Interstate Water Banking was distributed at the August meeting. The October meeting focused on specific issues associated with the draft agreement. A technical group was formed at the October meeting to re-evaluate Arizona's intrastate firming requirements in light of changes in model assumptions.

Recharge in the West

At the September 20 meeting, the Authority voted to allow staff to begin negotiating an agreement with Vidler Water Co. for storage at their underground storage facility located in La Paz County. The Authority did not approve initiation of negotiations with two other facilities located in the same general area. The two facilities, Pinnacle West Capital Corporation Bouse Recharge Project and the McMullen Valley Irrigation District Project are projects that are still in the pilot phase.

Upcoming Authority Meetings

Wednesday, December 20, 2000 from 10:00-12:00 at ADWR Conference Room B.

Wednesday, March 21, 2001 from 10:00-12:00 at ADWR Conference Room B.

Interstate Banking Subcommittee

Tuesday, November 14, 2000 from 10:00-12:00 at ADWR Conference Room B.

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